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WINTER HOLDS WEST IN GRIP; MANY DEATHS

Western States Covered With
Drifts, With Much Suffering to
Range Stock—62 Below
in Alberta

LOSES INTENSITY

Middle Western and Central States
Not As Hard Hit as Expected
—Philadelphians Keep
Windows Open

(By the Associated Press)

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Winter tonight
was firmly enthroned in the west and
middle west and his heralds had
rushed eastward to the Ohio valley
region.

The arrival of the most severe
weather of the season in the northwest
and west was responsible, directly or
indirectly, for the loss of upwards of
a dozen lives, while in the Rocky
mountain region huge snow drifts
seriously delayed trains and inter-
rupted wire communications.

While the entire northwest, includ-
ing Minnesota, the Dakotas, northern
Iowa, western Wisconsin, and the
Canadian provinces were in the grip
of sub-zero weather, the nip of the
cold in the middle western and central
states was not as severe as had been
anticipated.

Coast Growers Warned.

Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta, re-
ported a minimum of 44 below zero
while Red Deer, in the same province,
with 62 degrees below zero was con-
sidered to be the coldest spot on the
North American continent.

In the Rocky mountain region a
moderation of the cold was accom-
panied by a heavy snow fall extending
into western Wyoming and through
virtually all of Idaho and Utah and
into eastern Nevada. The
Rocky mountain storm is entering on
its third day and in Montana roads
were reported almost impassable with
the snow drifting badly and range
stock suffering.

In Chicago people awoke today to
find streets and sidewalks a glare of
ice. One man was killed in a fall and
upwards of a score were seriously in-
jured.

ICY WINDS AND BITTER COLD CAUSE OF DEATH

Mission, B. C., Dec. 17.—Icy winds
and bitter cold took the life of George
S. Watts, who, with David Greenwood,
was marooned yesterday on the bleak
shores of Matsqui Island in the Fraser
River. It was learned today, after a rescue party had reached the
island.

Last night, while volunteers were
striving to reach them, only to be re-
pulsed by the ice laden waters, Watts
died of exposure. Greenwood was
found in a state of exhaustion.

Greenwood was attempting yester-
day to transport Watts, who was ill,
from a dredge above Mission City to a
hospital here, when the currents of the
river hurled their skiff down stream
and upon the island. Scores of men
and women made efforts to come to
their aid. It was only a powerful tug
that was finally able to make a land-
ing this morning.

PHILADELPHIANS NEARLY SWELTER WHILE AT WORK

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—While resi-
dents of the west and midwestern
states in zero and sub-zero temperatures
today, Philadelphia experienced the warmest December 17 in the history of the local weather
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COMPERS TO BE BURIED TODAY IN TARRYTOWN

Kingston, Dec. 17.—Angelo La-
gattuta, 24, was being held in the
Ulster county jail here tonight charged
with the murder of his father, Angelo,
in the family home in Orlerville, 16 miles south of here, this
morning. District Attorney Frederick
G. Traver said the son readily admitted
shooting his father because he
had threatened and beaten his family
for years and chiefly because this
morning the man threatened to kill
his wife.

Lagattuta, the son, by reason of de-
formity appearing to be a boy of not
more than 16, said that for years his
mother, his two brothers and his sis-
ters, had lived in dread of their
father. This morning, he said, while
he was tending the furnace, he heard
his father arguing with his mother
and heard his father shout, "If you
don't do as I say, I'll kill you." The
son said he went to the kitchen, ob-
tained a double-barreled shotgun,
loaded it and, going to the bedroom,
fired at his father, who was in bed.
One charge entered the father's chest
and the second struck him full in the
head, killing him instantly.

The son told District Attorney
Traver tonight his father had kicked
and crippled him for life when
he was only nine years old, and that
often the father would line up the
entire family in one room and beat
them in turn.

Lagattuta will be arraigned tomorrow
charged with first degree murder.

ROBBERS TRUSS VICTIM TO CHAIR

Man Held Admits Being With
Gang, But Says He Did Not
Enter Room

Plattsburgh, Dec. 17.—George Wil-
son of Morrisville is in jail here
charged with being a member of a
stickup gang which bound George
Fountain to a chair in his room over
Nash's tire store early this morning
and robbed him of his gold watch,
about \$30 in money and other arti-
cles, at the point of a gun. Patrolman
Martinson of the police force,
who was passing Nash's place in the
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He fired several shots but was unable
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in Lodge Room—Rabbi Wise
and James Duncan Will
Preside

TO NAME CHIEFTAIN

Executive Council Will Meet Fri-
day—Expected to Choose One
of Own Members to Fill
Out Term

New York, Dec. 17.—The body of
Samuel Gompers, in its bronze casket,
lay in state at the Elks' club today
and tonight, while thousands filed by
in silent tribute. Tomorrow, the burial
will take place in Sleepy Hollow
cemetery in Tarrytown.

All day and far into the night a
procession of men and women moved
through the room of state. The labor
leader's widow, his sons, daughters,
grandchildren, and brothers joined
the throng late in the afternoon, when
Mrs. Gompers arrived from Washington.

Final arrangements for the services
were completed with the announce-
ment that an apitite sarcophagus,
provided by labor unions at Baltimore,
had been transported from that city to
Sleepy Hollow cemetery to receive the casket.

Elks' Ritual to Be Used.

The central trades and labor coun-
cil of Greater New York ordered all
union men to lay down tools for two
minutes at 11 o'clock tomorrow
morning, at which time it is expected
the funeral cortego will start for
Tarrytown, after a two-hour service
at the Elks' club.

Metropolitan police will give the
funeral train honorary escort to the
suburbs; then mounted State Troopers
will perform the civil honors to the
end of the journey.

Services at the grave will be con-
ducted by St. Cecilia Masonic lodge of
New York city. At the Elks' club, the
ceremony will be presided over by
Rabbi Stephen S. Wise and James
Dunc n, senior vice president of the
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Detective Calls Upon Schenectady
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Charges

PENETTA REVEALS LITTLE

Hopes That He Would Turn State's
Evidence in "Death Fund"
Fail to Materialize

Schenectady, Dec. 17.—Having been
pronounced physically fit to continue
his duties as a member of the Schenectady
police department, Detective Sergeant
Diamante Ragucci tonight called upon Mayor William W. Campbell
to prefer or abandon charges the
mayor said were pending against the
detective when his resignation was
demanded some time ago. Sergeant
Ragucci was pronounced physically fit
after an examination today by Dr.
H. J. Towne, police surgeon. The re-
quest was made to Commissioner of
Public Safety George E. Hamer, who
immediately asked Dr. Towne to sub-
mit complete details.

Penetta Divulges Little.

Ragucci's resignation was demand-
ed by Mayor Campbell shortly after
the murder of Acting Police Captain
Albert L. Youmans caused a shakeup
in the police department. Chief of
Police James W. Ryne, whose resigna-
tion was demanded at the same time,
already has quit the force, but
Ragucci at the time employed legal
counsel and said he would oppose efforts
to "make him the goat." Mayor
Campbell said it was necessary the de-
partment "should be rid of men of
Ragucci's caliber," but the detective
since has remained on duty.

Paolo Penetta, arrested in Detroit
recently in connection with the
Youmans slaying, was questioned
throughout today, but was said to have
given little information. Police said
tonight hopes he would turn state's
evidence and disclose details of
contributors to an alleged "death
fund" raised to make possible You-
mans' death had failed to materialize.

Identification by directors and stock-
holders of the other constituent roads,
the present Nickel Plate, Erie, Chesa-
peake & Ohio, and Hocking Valley,
was to be assured by the receipt of
proxies representing a quorum of
each company. More than 70 per
cent of the Pere Marquette stockholders,
Chairman E. N. Brown announced,
had signed their acceptance of the
lease contract on January 7, after additional minor revisions have
been made.

Have Year to Complete Plan.

By Peg Murray



BASEBALL - MISCELLANEOUS

Speaking of numbers, Everett Scott brought his consecutive game record up to 1,251 at the end of the 1924 season. Max Carey again leads both leagues in base stealing with 49 thefts, while poor old Eddie Collins lead the American league with 44. On August 16, Cobb stole second once, third twice and home once, forgetting that he is an old man too. George Sisler, out of the game during 1923 because of eye affection, made a successful comeback as a player-manager, hitting .394 and otherwise deporting himself creditably. He was not the Sisler of old, however. Of all fresh games played in 1924, the Giants-Braves three of September 19 won the hand-tooled mustache cup. The Giants won 22 to 1, and got 27 hits for a total average of .45. Captain French himself got six consecutive hits in four days.

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BARN BURNS TO GROUND

**Harrison Thompson, Who Tore Ago
Last Home Through Fire, Burns
Through Barn Fire Yesterday —**

Franklin, Dec. 17.—The barn on the Harrison Thompson farm, about half way between this village and Merrickville burned to the ground this evening following a fire which started at about 6 o'clock when a calf kicked over a lantern which was being used in doing the evening work about the barn. Help was called, but meantime was not great enough to save the building which with a shed and a silo was a complete loss. The damage has not yet been estimated, but it is thought that it is covered by insurance.

The house on the farm of Mr. Thompsons burned little more than a year ago and the young couple seems to be having more than its share of bad luck. All but two cows, of a herd of 12, and probably the same number of calves from an identical number, two horses, much of the farm machinery, and a Ford truck were saved. However all of the grain and hay was lost, as well as the good sized and modernly appointed barn and the shed and silo.

The lantern was sitting in front of the mangers of the cows and the calves

playing in the leesay on the barn floor are held responsible for the blaze. Help was called as soon as the fire started, but it was only a very short time when hopes of saving the building had to be abandoned.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL.

At State College, Pa.: Penn State 20, Juniata 21.

At Hobart: Colgate 21, University of Maine 25.

At Clinton: Hamilton 22; Hobart 21.

At Bethlehem, Pa.: Lehigh 43;

At Hartford Conn.: Franklin and Marshall 16; Trinity 8.

At New York: Columbia 23; New York university 19.

At Annapolis: Navy 22; Loyola College 17.

Milford Center Souper.

Milford Center, Dec. 16.—The ladies of the Baptist church will serve supper at the church Thursday evening at 6 o'clock. The menu consists of baked ham and mashed potatoes, brown gravy, cabbage salad and mashed turnips, brown bread and coffee, pumpkin and mince pie with cheese. Price 35 cents. advt. M.

VanBuren's famous Christmas trees have arrived. Phone 517-M. 22 River or street. advt. ST.

DAILY RADIO PROGRAM

(Compiled by United Press)

THURSDAY, DEC. 18

Thursday's Best Features
WPA—American Orthodox Society.
WPA—Mother oferville Society.
WPA—Latin American Night.
WPA—Wedding Bells.
WPA—Circus program.

(Eastern Standard Time)

WEAF, NEW YORK—102
P.M.—Racial Lecture.
WEAF—Quartette.
WEAF—Hoboken Club service.
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WEAF—Lester Depple, pianist.
WEAF—Tours.
WEAF—Warren Wilson.
WEAF—Waterbury, Connecticut.
WEAF—Walter Lantz, cartoonist.
WEAF—Fisher's First Analysis.
WEAF—Harrison's Orchestra.
WEAF—Sport talk, F. G. Linn.
WEAF—American Orthodox Society.
WEAF—John G. Campbell, Chap. 14th Infantry, National Guard.

WEAF, NEW YORK—125
P.M.—Wilson's Orchestra.
WEAF—Sports review.
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Otsego County News

FUNERAL OF G. D. COULTANT.

Services in Charge of Rev. W. H. Elwood.

Unadilla, Dec. 17.—The funeral of the late Gabriel D. Coulant was largely attended Tuesday morning by many of his friends and relatives. The service was in charge of Rev. W. E. Elwood, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of this village. His words of hope and promise of a future life with loved ones, gave great comfort to those who mourned the going of their beloved father.

Fred Southworth and H. D. Hafford sang his favorite hymn, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." The memorial service at Mt. Upton was made by R. D. Miller, F. M. H. Jackson and U. A. Ferguson of Oneonta Lodge, F. & A. M. This act of fraternity and loyalty is greatly appreciated by the family who, knowing their father's love of the order, were very glad to have this service. For many years Mr. Coulant's duties and then his feeble condition prevented his attending the meetings of the lodge, and the attention was the more welcome. Mr. Coulant's sons are also members of the order.

Among the floral tributes to their friend was the piece from the Oneonta Masonic fraternity, one from friends and former neighbors at Unadilla Center, and one sent by those associated with the son, John Coulant, on the police force of New York City, besides those from relatives here.

Those from out of town to attend Mr. Coulant's funeral were the two sons, John F. and Lewis H., the grandson, H. Gabriel, of New York, the daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. McCumber, of Wells Bridge, and R. D. Miller, F. M. H. Jackson and U. A. Ferguson of Oneonta.

Bridge Club Party.

The W. P. B. bridge club of 12 members enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon Tuesday with Mrs. W. B. Gorman. Mrs. George LePine was the fortunate winner of a very high score. Prizes are given until the end of the year.

School Closed For Holidays.

School closes this afternoon for the holiday recess. The pupils of the first four grades will have a tree in the fourth grade room. The other grades will meet with the academic department in the auditorium for their Christmas celebration. No very extensive arrangements are made. Thursday and Friday all the teachers and some of the training class will attend the conference in Oneonta, with one exception. Miss Marian Rob-

son, Instructor in music, will go to Crane's Institute for work in music.

After the conference Mrs. Cora Foster and son, Samuel, will go Saturday morning to New York, where they will be guests of Frederick Halsey and his sister, Miss Lavinia, for a week or ten days.

E. J. Franklin will spend his vacation at his home in Munaville.

Baptist Boys' Banquet.

Tuesday evening, December 16, 15 boys of the Baptist Sabbath school enjoyed a happy time in the church parlor. A bounteous banquet was served to them at 7 o'clock, and after this was over, games made the remainder of the evening a merry one.

A Recent Arrival.

A recent arrival in Unadilla was that of Donald Bruce Silvernail, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Silvernail of Stewart avenue. He came Tuesday evening at 8:30 and weighs 8½ pounds.

Catholic Social Club Dance.

The ladies say and they are to be believed, that the event of the season will be the dance given by the Catholic Social Club in Millford's hall, Friday evening December 26, from 9 to 1 o'clock. Dewey's Imperial orchestra of Oneonta will furnish music. Delicious refreshments will be served.

M. E. Christmas Exercises.

The Christmas exercises of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held Monday evening, December 22, in the church.

Unadilla Personal.

Mr. Irving Brooks is improving slowly from his recent severe attack of rheumatism. With the aid of crutches he was able to attend church Sunday.—Mrs. Jennie Leftoy is in Otego caring for Mrs. Clarence Smith and her baby boy.—Eugene DeForest who had been ill with grippe and was better and out doors yesterday had a relapse this morning is much worse.—Mr. and Mrs. Squires of Bay Shore, L. I., are guests at the Unadilla house, Mr. Squires coming to enjoy hunting for a few days.

GRANGE CHRISTMAS PARTY.

To Be Held at Grange Hall in Mt. Vision Friday Evening.

Mt. Vision, Dec. 17.—At the regular grange meeting Friday evening the lecturer's hour will be devoted to a Christmas program. Each member is asked to bring a ten-cent present. Ladies please bring pop corn, candy or apples.

Christmas Exercises of School.

The pupils of the Mt. Vision school will hold their Christmas exercises at Grange hall Saturday evening. Everyone is invited to come and help the kiddies have a good time. A small admission fee of 15¢ will be charged.

Students Hold Party.

The young people from Mt. Vision who attend Hartwick seminary held a party last Friday evening in Tilley's home.

Personal Mention.

Charles Beckley went to Ilion Friday to spend a few days.—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Harrison and two children of Millford were dinner guests at the home of her father, Allis Hall, Sunday.—Mrs. Lina Shove went Sunday to spend a few days with friends in Millford.—Russell Peck came to the home of his sister, Mrs. Edward Gardner, Monday.

DEATH AT EDMONTON.

Norton Jacobs, Aged Eighty-Two, Expired After Long Illness.

Edmonton, Dec. 17.—The death of Norton Jacobs, aged 82, occurred last Friday evening at the home of his son, Fred, with whom he had made his home since the death of his wife several years ago. Mr. Jacobs had been a sufferer from heart trouble for the past few years and had been confined to the house for over a year. Besides the above mentioned son, he is survived by one other son, Clayton. The funeral was held from his late home Monday afternoon, Rev. D. H. Woodward officiating.

Other Edmonton Matters.

Miss Mary Gorham of Schenectady was in town last week, called here by the death of Mrs. Sheldon Ritter. The condition of Mrs. L. K. Angel, who recently suffered a stroke of paralysis is very serious.—Mrs. Vaughn Coy is reported as very low at this writing.—Mrs. Glenn Blyea of Syracuse was in town last Thurs-

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the city of Oneonta, N. Y., at a regular meeting held December 15, passed a local law, which after set forth, and the public hearing will be held, that the mayor in his office in the city hall, on December 26, 1924, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, therefor, at which time all persons may appear for, or against the enactment of said local law, to be known as "Local Law and Ordinance Number Sixty (6)."

Dated December 12, 1924, Oneonta, N. Y.
Robert U. Marshall,
City Clerk, city of Oneonta, N. Y.

Local Law and Ordinance Number 6.

A local law in relation to the payment of the salary of the city judge.

BE IT ENACTED, By the Common Council of the city of Oneonta, N. Y.,

That the salary of the city judge shall be increased and be paid from the general fund in accordance with the provisions of Part 2, Section 1, Article 1 of the Charter of the city of Oneonta, N. Y.

II.

The salary of the city judge shall not be included in and be paid from the police department fund as provided by Part 2, Section 2 of the Charter of the city of Oneonta, N. Y.

III.

Section 20, of Chapter 144 of the laws of the state, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the City of Oneonta, N. Y., into a city," is hereby repealed.

IV.

The local law shall take effect immediately.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Postscript to an order of Justice H. C. Elwood, surrogate of the county of Oneonta, to the sheriff of the county of Oneonta, giving notice of the filing of a bill of lades against the estate of George E. Coulant, deceased, of the city of Oneonta, N. Y., to collect debts due him by the city of Oneonta, N. Y., and to restrain the removal of the body of the said George E. Coulant, deceased, from the city of Oneonta, N. Y., to any place outside of the state of New York, on or before the 15th day of January, 1925.

Dated July 1, 1924,
MARY E. TROWBRIDGE,
Clerk of the Surrogate Court
of Oneonta, N. Y.

The funeral will be held Friday af-

ternoon at 1 o'clock at the home of

Rev. W. E. Elwood, 204 West Main Street, Oneonta, N. Y.

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FOOLISH WAR TALK.

Nothing is more foolish than to review, just now, old-fashioned notions of the strength of our Pacific fleet and comparisons of the American and Japanese navies, as if that subject were of immediate and critical importance.

Various naval officers and "experts" and various newspaper editors are doing it with evident gusto.

It is unnecessary to put into the public mind the idea of war which inevitably follows any such discussion. It is unnecessary to stir up the Japanese people as they are sure to be stirred by such talk. It is unnecessary to add any more war thoughts to a world already too much given to thinking about war.

Wars come from thinking about them and talking about them and weighing the relative strength of armaments, as much as from any other cause. Here is a field in which "more theorist" accomplished infinite harm by putting dangerous notions into immature minds and creating a public psychology that comes to regard war as inevitable. That was the state of mind in Europe when the World war broke out. Fancies and fears realized themselves, by first creating great competitive armaments and then making nations "jumpy."

Nothing has happened between America and Japan except an honest difference of opinion to which both nations will accustom themselves in time, if the Japanese can be persuaded to restrain themselves. Japan's feelings have been hurt, perhaps unnecessarily. Properly handled by public spokesmen, the main point, which is the resolve of the American people to keep this a white man's continent, as eastern Asia is a yellow one, will be recognized and acquiesced in by the Japanese themselves.

WILD TURKEY COMES AGAIN.

In the early days on the American continent, most plentiful of wild fowl, and on account of their size and value as a source of food supply, the most important was the wild turkey. At that time there were millions of these birds, whose habitat was all the way from Canada to southern Mexico. Because of their delicious flesh and because they were easily tamed, they were in a short time domesticated; but as this work of domestication went on, their wild forbears were almost destroyed by indiscriminate hunting; so that now there are few of them anywhere; and even the tame variety, on account of increasing demand from a growing population, are every year becoming scarce and dearer. Residents of Oneonta, not those born in the last 20 years, no doubt remember when the domesticated turkey could be bought for 10 cents a pound, albeit that person now considers himself fortunate who pays only half a dollar for each pound of the fowl which graces his Thanksgiving or Christmas table.

However, therefore, deplores the passing of the turkey as a wild or tame fowl will be gratified to know that wild turkey conservation has in recent years been liberally undertaken, particularly on the Pacific coast. The Pacific Coast Sportman's Club, which is foremost in the line of conservation, plans to establish a hunting preserve of 50,000 acres in the mountain regions of California, where it will breed wild turkeys on a large scale. Contrary to the usual custom on game farms, these turkeys will, like chickens nowadays, be hatched in incubators, and it is the plan of the club to distribute 15,000 birds every year among the coves of the United States.

The wild turkey, by the way, never grows as large as the tame one, which under fostering care from its earliest days in the colonies began readily to increase in size. A wild turkey is heavy if it weighs 17 pounds; while domesticated home gobblers have reached 50 pounds.

These things are interesting to read about in these days dedicated to the dinner rites for St. Gobbin, but also because they mark the beginning of a movement to bring to our wild lands the wild fowls, such as turkey, grouse and quail. All these birds, it appears, need only a slight degree of protection, and to be let alone, to make their numbers again considerable.

TO CLEAR MORRIS HIGHWAYS.

Lime Tractor Company Will Keep Patrick Hill Road Open.

Following the announcement that the town of Oneonta has purchased the road improved snow plow attached to the big Lime Tractor for use in keeping the highways of the town open for motor vehicle traffic yesterday comes the announcement that the Lime Tractor people propose to look after the Morris and of the road the same as they have done for the past two or three years. Mr. William Brewster of that company, in communicating upon the subject says: "Oneonta is the chief outlet for this section and the people of the Butterfield valley would feel completely isolated if they were unable to get into Oneonta, regardless of the road conditions."

Good for the Lime Tractor company! We wonder what the other towns along the main thoroughfares are doing for the convenience of their motorists during the winter season. Certainly there must be many residents of the adjoining towns who desire the highway kept open this winter, even though it cost a little money.

With all over the mountains of the country there are roads that are

THE SPOKEN NEWSPAPER

James Miller Lee, Director of College of Journalism, New York University, This Above St. Gobin Radio. Every body reads newspaper, every body will do likewise he suggested in a talk given over the radio from WNYC, New York city, by James Miller Lee, now director of the college department of journalism, New York city, and at one time a resident of Oneonta and connected with the editorial department of The Star. The talk of Saturday was entitled "The Spoken Newspaper," and its origin is interestingly explained in a note from the author to the editor of The Star. "This little talk," he says, "when I took the air last Saturday evening, had a local, at Oneonta, and, all the information came from Hon. David R. Wilber of your city. You remember he was formerly United States consul at Zurich, Switzerland. He went to considerable trouble to get this data, and when you see him I wish you would tell him that I put it to good use Saturday evening."

"A Sunday edition, strange as it may seem," says Mr. Lee, "is the best example found today in the spoken newspaper." It is found in the Swiss village of Champrey. Here every Sunday morning immediately after a religious service, mass or vespers, are held what are called, in the language of the village, "public crying." These take place out-of-doors in the middle of the village from a balcony overlooking the principal street. The public crier, the one who gives the spoken news from the balcony, first publishes the decisions and decrees—both federal and state. He announces the ordinances passed by the municipal council, and "cries" the fines or penalties decided upon by the local police court, much the same as you have already heard from this station an hour ago the alarms broadcast by the police department of the city of New York.

"But to get back to the 'spoken newspaper' of Champrey. In a word, the official crier brings to public attention all official decisions emanating from civil authority. He likewise announces auction sales of furniture, cattle, etc. In addition he gives official notices of prosecutions in the courts and the petitions in bankruptcy. News items such as I have just mentioned are obligatory, like the legal notices printed today in American newspapers.

"But in addition to this news the Sunday crier is instructed to publish matters of general information which are often of a private or commercial character. For doing so he receives remuneration from the person who makes use of his services. These items are varied in character. A business house, for example, informs the public of a price charged for goods or announces the new arrival of a supply of potatoes. Farmers "publish" in this way announcements of sales of horses, roots, agricultural products, etc. If a public attraction, such as a concert or a play is to take place during the coming week, the public "crier" announces the fact—usually for a little remuneration.

"This spoken Sunday newspaper has its classified advertising section in which lost and found articles are advertised through the spoken word rather than by the printed page. In a word, the public crier of Champrey is authorized to tell anything that may be of interest to the "hearing."

"This spoken Sunday newspaper dates from time immemorial. It is always heard with a great deal of interest, not only by everybody in the village, but also by those who come from the mountainside, first to attend church and, possibly equally as important, to hear the news. Every citizen is supposed to be fully informed as to what has been announced in the 'spoken newspaper.' If he transgresses a village ordinance he cannot take advantage of the fact that he was not present at the public crying when the village regulation was first announced. He simply must make himself familiar with what appears in the 'spoken newspaper.' To vote well he must pay close attention to the reports of municipal proceedings, such as the adoption of the local budget and things of that character. Here is a real 'spoken newspaper' which, when the radio reaches the Swiss village of Champrey, may become a 'spoken newspaper' of more than local distribution."

THE GUIDE POST—
BY Henry and Tertius VanDyke

BIGGER AND BIGGER, WINTER AND WINTER



WANTS A GASOLINE TAX

Assemblyman Bert Lord of Chenango to Parker Measure This Winter.

Bert Lord, formerly of the state automobile bureau, assemblyman elect from Chenango county, who addressed the Otsego county board of supervisors at Cooperstown relative to the measure which he sponsored in the legislature last winter and will introduce again this winter providing for a tax of one cent a gallon on gasoline sold in this state, was in the city yesterday afternoon while on his way home.

Mr. Lord is confident that relief will be afforded farm property owners. If the law is enacted it will provide that 9 per cent of the funds collected be returned to the counties for the construction of county highways.

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PEACE WITHIN.

Because he knew no quietness within him, he shall not save sight of that wherein he delighted—Job 26:30.

This chapter of Job describes the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed unto him by God."

The heart of its truth is found in the brief phrase, "No quietness within him."

The wicked man cannot obtain quietness within.

He is adrift on a sea of calamity.

Like an ill-balanced ship, even a favorable wind only serves to buffet him.

All the meaning and purpose is gone out of life because the spiritual stability is lacking.

The very things he desires turn to nothing as he obtains them.

It is all an old and commonplace story; but until it is driven home to the conscience of humanity there will always be an extra supply of sorrow and trouble in the world.

Every returned Prodigal Son knows it well, and many a man who is still in the riotous living stage begins to perceive it but will take the course and strength to acknowledge himself wrong and turn in the new direction.

On the other hand, the man who carries in himself the peace of God which passeth understanding may be hard hit by the tempest of life.

He may even be shipwrecked, as many a gallant vessel has been.

But his shall be the glory of going down with his gear intact and himself in the line of duty.

And even the last struggle shall be won with joy, because there is quietness within.

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Dated Oneonta, N. Y., December 8, 1924.

ROBERT O. MARSHALL,
City Clerk,
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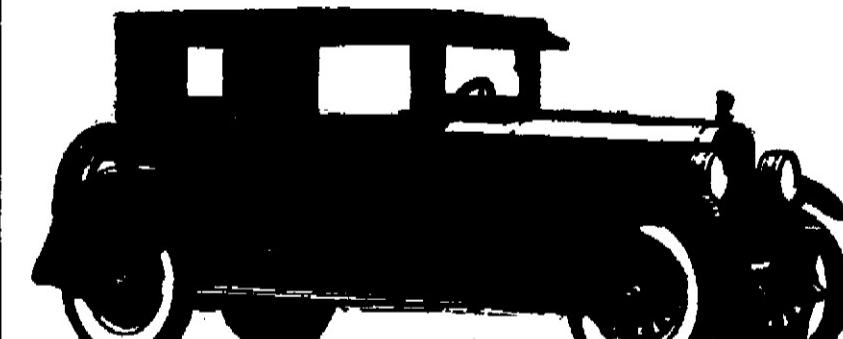
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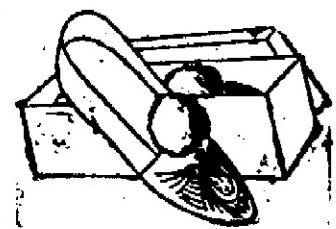
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Price \$1.45



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LOCAL MENTION

Your Christmas shopping. If you'd keep the face unwary Of the stores—keep boy or girl, Do your Christmas shopping early! Even if the day is trying Don't neglect the early buying; Get to work and do it snappy! If you'd make your children happy.

The Normal school will close tomorrow noon for the usual Christmas vacation.

All members of the Junior choir of the First Baptist church are asked to meet at the church for rehearsal at 8 o'clock today.

The program committee of the Rotary club predicts a big surprise for everybody at "Ze Gr-r and Christmas Parties" to be given at the luncheon today. Herb Gotman will be in charge.

The High School closed for the Christmas vacation yesterday afternoon, but the faculty members will remain in this city today and tomorrow for the Teachers' conference which is being held at the school building.

The judges for the Window and Store front decorating contest being held by the Chamber of Commerce in connection with the Christmas festival have been announced as, Mrs. D. H. Mills, L. S. Lang and N. W. Gotman.

The annual meeting of the Manufacturers' association of Oneonta will be held at the Elks' club on the evening of January 5, beginning with a banquet at 6:15 o'clock. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at that time.

Christmas exercises for the Intermediate department and rhetoricals for the Training department of the State Normal school will be held this afternoon, while those of the Primary department will not be conducted until Friday morning.

The Christmas spirit was not forgotten when the stories were selected for the Children's Hour at the library yesterday. The following stories, all appropriate to the season, were told by Miss Dorothy Staples: "The Horn of Plenty," "The Queen's Necklace," and "The Story of the Christ Child."

Eighty-five pupils of the Knox school, en route for their homes for the holidays, occupied a special car on the Cooperstown train yesterday morning. The car was switched directly to the Albany train at Cooperstown Junction, only about a dozen coming on to Oneonta for points west.

Despite the weather yesterday there were many shoppers in the business section and all were more than pleased with the holiday offerings of local merchants. The street decorations are also being much admired and the outlook for six busy days ahead for the salespeople are bright indeed.

Meetings Today.

Regular meeting of L. C. B. A. tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be present as there is business of importance to be transacted.

Regular meeting Oneonta circle, 248, P. H. C., tonight, 8 o'clock, in I. O. O. F. hall. Initiation. Christmas tree and refreshments at close of meeting. Please bring sandwiches or cake; also each member bring present for tree.

Regular meeting of Oneonta aerie, 1260, F. O. E., this evening at 8 o'clock in Eagle's hall, 8 Dietz street. A full attendance is desired.

There will be a rehearsal of the Christmas cantata at the United Presbyterian church today at 4:15 p. m. It is important to have a full attendance of all those taking part.

There will be a Christmas program at the Rotary club today. Christmas carols will be sung by the members followed by a Christmas reading by Prof. A. M. Curtis.

Christmas plants at fair prices. We are justly proud of our selection of Christmas plants which include polinettas, Scotch heathers, cherries, cyclamen, narcissus, peperomia, azaleas and begonias. They are in fine, healthy condition, filled with buds and bloom, and will bring many days of joy and cheer to those fortunate enough to receive them. Wyckoff's greenhouses, 27 Grove street; Flower shop, 197 Main street. advt. 2t

Notice.
All persons are forbidden trespassing on our farms for the purpose of cutting trees of any description.

CHRISTMAS CHORAL SERVICE

Enjoyed Last Evening by Royal Robe Lodge, Polishing Regular Meeting.

Following the regular meeting of Royal Robe Lodge last evening there was a very pretty choral service which consisted of the singing of Christmas carols and some tableaux highly appropriate for the Yuletide season.

First on the program were three Christmas carols by a chorus of eight ladies, and these were followed by a duet, "Neath the Starry Heavens," which was very well rendered by Mrs. Hazel Mahon and Mrs. Mabelle Wilcox. A Christmas story was read by Mrs. George Gibbs which kept everyone intensely interested throughout. Following this were two more Christmas carols.

The first one of the tableaux was one depicting the wise men from the East bringing gifts and then came one showing the shepherds watching their flocks and the star in the east and the angel appearing to them. Following the first tableau Messrs. Howland, Gibbs, Acker and Terry formed a male quartet and sang in a very pleasing manner that won much applause so that they were called back for an encore which was given in an equally pleasing fashion.

The final tableau showed the manger and the mother and child together with the wise men and their gifts and the shepherds all grouped in a very artistic and pleasing effect. The costumes and lighting effects, together with accompanying music, played by Miss Florence Beach on the piano, all helped to make these tableaux very appropriate.

At the close of the choral service all joined in singing appropriate Christmas music after which they adjourned to the dining room where delicious refreshments were served.

At the meeting last evening it was announced that on December 29 at the India room there will be a CHIMA party for women only, each one to bring a ten-cent present for a Christmas tree and to dress as a child. No men will be admitted to this meeting but those feminine members of the lodge who do not care to dress as children will be admitted.

TROLLEY SHOPPING RATES

Southern New York Railway to Constant Half-Rate Tickets to Oneonta If Demand Justifies Practice.

Superintendent A. J. Stratton of the Southern New York railway announced yesterday that if the demand for half-rate shopping tickets to Oneonta warranted a continuance of the practice these tickets would unquestionably be made a regular feature of the company. Such action as this is not only gratifying to those who are in the habit of using the trolley to do their Oneonta shopping, but as well to the merchants and all residents of this city.

It is considered quite probable that some arrangement for special bargains on some of the days will be made by the merchants of the city, and that the move of the company will have the cooperation of all in any way interested in the proposition.

It will be remembered that on certain days during this Christmas shopping season round trip tickets are being sold for the price of a one way ticket. The plan has met with such a response as leads Mr. Stratton to believe that the plan will be continued throughout the year.

Since special rates such as this must be filed with the Public Service commission it has been determined to try this plan during the months of January and February, tickets of half rate being sold on Tuesdays and Fridays, and if the demand for the practice continues the custom will become a yearly one.

Auto Club to Buy Snow Fences.

At a meeting of the Automobile club of Richfield Springs it was decided to experiment with snow fences during the coming winter, to see what can be done to prevent drifting in certain places that traffic may be maintained, and also to hasten the clearing of the roads in the spring.

Fred Fox and Dr. Monfort were named as a committee to handle the matter.

Auction Friday, Dec. 19, 1924, 1 p. m.

Five September pigs, one black and white cow, one black and white yearling bull, one ton Ford truck; have 25 new horse blankets; will sell for the high dollar. One new single harness, a number of new parts of harness. Horses and other property as usual. W. P. Gardner, auctioneer. H. W. Sheldon's Main street sales stable. advt. 6t

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Christmas Turkey.

Native grown, home dressed. Young turkeys. \$50 per lb.

Free delivery. Todd's Cash market. Phone 19. advt. 4t

Here is a Real Deal.

Two family houses which will show 12½ per cent on investment. J. L. Acton, realtor, 44 Church street. Phone 435. advt. 2t

Useful Gifts.

Nickle tea kettles, tea and coffee pots, baking dishes, pie plates, carrying sets, percolators and flashlights. Fred M. Baker, hardware. advt. 2t

Sale Continues.

Hand made lingerie and other articles suitable for Christmas gifts. At L. F. Thompson's, 64 Dietz street. advt. 1t

Big Dance Tomorrow Evening.

At Mt. Vision, in Tilley's ball, round and square dancing. The usual big time, for all, always a crowd. Of course Coler's orchestra will play. advt. 1t

Bingo Tonight at Jay's Hall.

Bingo corner Main and Chestnut streets at 8:45. Music by Lynn Smith. advt. 2t

Bingo at Shubert Hall, Marcelline.

Friday evening, December 20, advt. 2t

Buffet Seats — the Brain gift at

Fingrove grocery. Phone 533. advt. 2t

STORES OPEN THIS EVENING

Oneonta Merchants as Part of Participants in Christmas Festival to Keep Places of Business Open.

Beginning this evening the merchants of Oneonta will keep their places of business open as part of their participation in the Christmas Festival which is now in full swing in Oneonta. The custom of the merchants has in the past been to open only on the two or three evenings before Christmas, but the thought which has been on the streets the past week during the evening, joining in the festive spirit which is manifested in the decoration of the streets, have been admiring the show windows which are specially decorated for prizes offered by the Chamber of Commerce.

While not all of the lights were finally placed last evening, still most of the section has been trimmed in the green and strings of vari-colored lights and it is hoped that the remainder of the work can be done to-day.

Secretary MacEwan of the Chamber of Commerce announces that he has been in radio communication with Santa Claus himself, and that that jolly symbol of Christmas has promised to visit Oneonta on some evening during the festival. Just which night will have to be announced later, for the schedule of Santa is pretty full this last week.

The programs which are to be given about the Community Christmas tree, located on the post office lawn, are now well under way and the interest manifested by several clubs of the city assure that this department of the festival will be well carried out.

TROOPER HURT IN FALL

Bert Mattox of Sidney Has Tumble From Horse—No Bones Broken.

Trooper Bert Mattox of Troop C, State Constabulary at Sidney, suffered an injury to his ankle and hand as the result of a fall from his horse and yesterday went to the Fox Memorial hospital for treatment. An X-ray of the injury was taken by Dr. L. S. House of the hospital staff. It was found that Trooper Mattox suffered a severe sprain to his ankle but that no bones were broken. He also suffered painful lacerations to his hand.

Why Far Rent?

House for sale that will pay for itself. Next to the "ideal house plan," Trooper leaving town, G. L. Smith, 118 Spruce street. advt. 1t

A few new pieces of imported hand-embroidered Chinese linen have arrived. Moore's Corner bookstore. advt. 1t

Christmas Bargains in Boys' and Girls' Rebuilt Bicycles. 20 Madison Avenue. Phone 1258-W. advt. 1t

Three Parcels Sold for Taxes.

At the time set for the city tax sale yesterday morning there remained but three vacant lots on which the taxes and charges had not been paid. These were sold to the highest bidder as follows: Southview street, last owner C. B. Graham, bid in by Carr W. Peck for \$10; Silver avenue, last owner D. E. Elliott, bid in by Robert Elliott for \$17.43, the amount of the taxes; and Riverview annex, last owner Alvin Warner, bid in by Lynn L. Gardner for \$10.

Our Christmas Plants are fine, in fact, second to none in this section of the state and it would be a real pleasure for us to show them whether you care to purchase or not. Wyckoff's greenhouses, 27 Grove street; Flower shop, 197 Main street. advt. 2t

BUILDING OF A HOME

Subject Abby Presumed Before Elkins is Club Yesterday by Architect Tupper.

There was a good attendance yesterday at the Kiwanis club luncheon at the Elks' home, and much interest was manifested in the address of the day, which was by Historian G. Edmund Tupper, who took for his subject, "An Architect's Excuse to Live." He brought out the thought of men who did not give more than they received, did not have an excuse for living and illustrated from an architect's point of view. He showed in building operations how necessary the work of an architect was in the designs and in the attractiveness of building. He laid particular stress on plumbing, tracing the height of a community to the quality of the plumbing used in their buildings. He felt that the greater need in Oneonta was a plumbing code and a building code. He laid considerable stress on proper heating of buildings, particularly the cost of maintenance for two small heating plants. He also showed where the lowest bid for a job was not necessarily the cheapest.

The club, which numbers many well known singers in its membership, voted to attend the exercises on Monday evening around the community Christmas tree on the postoffice grounds, and to sing in a body from 7 to 7:30 p. m.

Recitations on the death of Isaac S. Dailey, a valued member of the club, were unanimously adopted as proposed by a committee consisting of Donald Grant, F. C. Huntington and Sheldon H. Close; and, in memory, the club, all members standing, sang "The Vacant Chair."

A. A. Bernard was received into membership, Captain Judd giving the Kiwanis welcome.

Several much appreciated selections were sung by the quartet.

Guests in attendance were H. G. Thompson of Albion and F. C. Snyder and Rotarian G. Edmund Tupper of Oneonta.

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"Bearded Lady" in Sacrifice

Ladies and gentlemen—this way to see the bearded lady! Madame Neigham! Curious folk, stopping to gaze, open mouthed at "Madame the bearded lady" in a Los Angeles freak museum, didn't know that Mrs. Baker M. Twyman was supporting a child and a sick husband by the returns from her unusual facial adornment. Now that her husband thanks to her sacrifice is well again Mrs. Twyman has been given a "permanent shave" and has returned to live with her family at Peoria Ill.

ONEONTA H. S. GIRL HONORED**FUNERALS****Linn Dennis**

Miss Fanny Potter Wins Sewing Machine as Best 4-H Club Worker in Fifteen Counties. Miss Fanny Potter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer H. Potter of Oneonta Plains, has lately been accorded signal honor as a Junior Project worker, receiving a Singer Sewing machine offered by President L. I. Mead of the South Brooklyn Savings Institution of South Brooklyn, New York, to the best girl 4-H Club worker in this section of the state. The following fifteen counties were in competition in this group: Franklin, Clinton, Essex, Warren, Saratoga, Washington, Schoharie, Albany, Greene, Rensselaer, Columbia, Schenectady, Otsego, Fulton and Montgomery.

Miss Potter has been in club work for the past four years, enrolled in the canning and sewing projects. She is 18 years of age and now a sophomore in the Oneonta H. S. school. For the past year she was president of the Busy Bees Sewing club in West Oneonta and a member of the demonstration team which won a free trip to the State fair. However, the team did not take the trip this year because of the epidemic in Syracuse at that time.

The sewing machine awarded was one of the prizes offered by the New York State Bankers' association to outstanding club members in the state.

The many friends of Miss Potter in city, community and county will extend congratulations.

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Blind Man's Dog His Eyes



Although he's totally blind, Clyde Rothrock, 22, an evangelist, has crossed a 200-foot railway bridge spanning the Grand River at Grand Rapids, Mich., almost every day for a year. On his perilous journeys he is accompanied only by his dog, "Silver." A false step and an oncoming train would hurt Rothrock 50 feet into the river—an almost certain death.

Why Not a Fountain Pen

No gift could be more appreciated than a good Fountain Pen, a constant reminder of the thoughtfulness of the giver.

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Then come in and wander around to your heart's content. We are certain you will find just the gift you have been looking for. Here are a few suggestions: Imported Hand Embroidered Chinese Linen and Silk, Leather Writing Cases, Bill Folds, Desk Sets, Sealing Wax Sets, Rust Craft Novelties, Magazine Subscriptions, Typewriters, Bibles and Testaments, Framed Mottos.

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TROOPERS ARREST 4,222 THIS YEAR; 3,830 CONVICTED

\$78,716 in Property Recovered, \$40,905 in Fines Imposed—369,783 Miles of Patrol Done, Says Captain Fox of Sidney Troop

Members of Troop C, State Constabulary, with headquarters in Sidney, made 4,222 arrests during the year ending December 15, according to the annual report made public yesterday by Captain D. E. Fox, commander. Of the total number arrested, 2,830 were convicted.

Among many of the other outstanding features of the work done by Troop C members, as indicated by the report of Captain Fox are the recovery of \$78,716.84 in lost or stolen property and the collection of \$40,905.75 in fines; 369,783 miles of highways covered by mounted patrols, 521,574 by automobile patrol and 93,121 by motorcycle; 45 stolen automobiles were recovered and a total of 1,793 investigations made in which no arrests were made.

One of the outstanding features of the report is that which indicates the sterling work done by the troopers upon the highways in apprehending reckless drivers of automobiles and otherwise enforcing the safety provisions of the laws covering the operation of motor vehicles. A total of 1,862 persons were arrested for recklessly driving under the provisions of the general highway traffic law of the state and an additional 488 under the provisions of the state motor vehicle law. Of the former 1,862 convictions were secured and in the latter a total of 484.

Veterans Workers.

Almost every branch of law enforcement work from the enforcement of the conservation law down through serious major law infractions to the recovery of lost children has been performed by the troopers. Of the 87 arrests made under the Conservation law, nearly all of which resulted from illegal hunting or fishing or the illegal possession of game, a conviction was secured in each instance.

The efficiency of the members of the troop in the campaign against the improper use of highways of the state is indicated by the fact that a total of 2,064 arrests were made for violations of the general highway law and the state motor vehicle law. Of this number a total of 2,064 were arrested under the provisions relating to reckless driving. The remaining arrests are scattered through other violations including driving automobiles with improper brakes, lights, lenses, license plates, improper signaling and other law infractions.

A total of 856 arrests were made for violations of the penal law. Of the arrests, among the major offenses are listed the following: murder, 1;

manslaughter, second degree, 4; arson, second degree, 3; assault, first degree, 8; assault, second degree, 18;

assault, third degree, 104; burglary, first degree, 8; burglary, second degree, 4; burglary, third degree, 71;

cruelty to animals, 82; violations of law in the maintenance, care and custody of children, 26; disorderly conduct, 178; disorderly persons, 38;

fraud, 11; fraud on hotel keeper, 17;

forgery, second degree, 4; forgery, third degree, 2; intoxication, 201;

grand larceny, 64; petit larceny, 173;

liquor law violations, 21; robbery, first degree, 2; robbery, third degree, 4;

tramps, 72; slot machines, 28; vagrancy, 38; and carrying concealed weapons, 10.

Other Activities.
The cold figures of the report fail to fully indicate the real volume of the work done throughout their territory during the last year, inasmuch as nearly 1,800 investigations were made in which no arrests were made and the real story of the amount of peace work done in this branch alone, never will be told. Hundreds of instances also frequently happen where the presence of a trooper or knowledge that a trooper is in the neighborhood, together with the reputation that they have acquired of always getting a lawbreaker if they go after him, has had a powerful effect, especially in rural sections, where serious trouble might otherwise arise for lack of police protection.

In addition to the work indicated by the report—most of which covers routine matters of daily duty, the members of Troop C, under the leadership of Captain Fox, have built up one of the most widely known rough riding teams in the United States. During the last fall, the members of the team created a sensation by their equine feats at various fairs, including an award of a silver cup for first prize at the State fair at Syracuse and closing the season as one of the star attractions at the National Horse Show in New York city, where they were given high praise by experts in horsemanship and the metropolis press.

No Dance Scheduled.

On Tuesday evening a young man called at The Star business office and paid for insertion of a notice to the effect that there would be a dance last evening at the Dew Drop Inn, formerly the Pond Lily hotel.

Yesterday Mr. Bates noticed this office over the telephone that no dance was scheduled to be held and that none would be held, last night or in the immediate future.

The individual who accepted the advertisement did not recognize the chap who ordered it but The Star had the right to assume that it was inserted in good faith. If the future will call at this office we will be glad to show him the law which he violated in an effort to be funny.

New and gloves for Christmas at Capron's. Gloves in the new colors and styles from 75 cents up. The dollar here is all shadow—a most popular number. Caps. Felters at \$1.50.

Long—Between H. A. Sawyer Sons and Jake Collier, new Christmas jerseys, a green box containing twelve halves. Finger gloves. Scarf and some of Star cuffs. Price 50 cents.

SENATORS APPROVE TAX

Any or One New Jersey on condition submitted to either the City of Hoboken and Elizabeth Roads would be to same those placed upon those who use them—said Lord Speaks.

Cooperstown, Dec. 17.—Hon. Bert Lord, member of the New York state assembly from Chenango county and former head of the motor vehicle bureau of the state, addressed the Board of Supervisors of their county here this morning in advocacy of the proposed tax on gasoline and explained in detail the provisions of the bill for that purpose which he introduced in the legislature last year and which will without doubt be made the subject of special drive at the coming session.

Mr. Lord asked that the board express its sentiment in regard to the proposed law and the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, We believe that some of the burdens of taxation for the construction and repair of improved highways now borne by real property of the state and the counties thereof should be lightened and a portion of said tax borne by those who now pay no taxes, and also that gasoline consumers should contribute toward the payment of such costs in proportion as they receive the benefits, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we believe that the imposition of a tax of one cent per gallon on each gallon of gasoline distributed is just and right and that the state legislature be and is hereby requested to enact a law at the coming session thereof to impose such a tax upon the gasoline distributed and that such tax shall be in addition to any and all other motor vehicle taxes and fees, and distributed as provided by the bill known as the Lord bill."

Under his bill Mr. Lord explained, it is proposed to return 10 per cent of the money received from the tax to the state to cover the expenses of distribution and the other 90 per cent to the counties on the basis of the proportionate number of miles of highway in each. Mr. Lord estimated that the annual share of the return to Otsego county alone would be about \$110,000, while according to the figures which he compiled the extra expense to the driver of a pleasure car would not exceed four dollars a year in most cases, in fact, it would be less than that amount. It would mean a reduction he said, of \$2.50 per thousand in the highway tax rate.

He pointed to the heavy cost of improvement of the highways under state aid and also to the fact that many people use the roads who contribute nothing to their expense. The plan provides for a return to the counties on the basis of mileage rather than number of automobiles in order that counties like Otsego which have many miles to maintain and improve, may derive the benefit through a reduction in taxation.

Opposition to the bill is expected, he said, from counties like Erie and Monroe which have few miles of highway but many automobiles, and from automobile clubs, but all the state farm organizations like the Grange, Farm Bureau, Dairymen's League, etc., had voted their support.

Assemblyman-elect Frank M. Smith of Otsego county was present and in

heartily in favor of the bill.

The determination and agreement by county aid highways was offered by the highway committee, composed of Messrs. Taber, Carlton and Fitch, together with a resolution providing for the agreement with the state department of public works for the construction of the proposed roads and the report and resolution were unanimously adopted.

Under the agreement, the total amount to be expended for this purpose during the year 1925 will be \$165,582, of which the state contributions will amount to \$64,500 and the towns' contribution, which is made up of town fund, town highway fund, and motor vehicle fund, \$40,000. The project of improvement provided for the carrying forward of the building in progress in the various towns for the past several years, and will mean the construction of one mile of highway in each town, with the exceptions of the towns of Laurens and Hartwick, where there will be an extra half-mile laid in the former case and an extra mile in the latter.

The new highway will commence at the end of last year's work in practically each instance.

The annual report of the election commissioners of Otsego county was received and entered in the minutes. The commissioners request that the following sums be appropriated for the use of the board for the coming year: Salaries of commissioners, \$1,000; salary of clerk, \$600; competing enrollment, \$100; stenographer's salary, \$300; miscellaneous expenses, \$100; total, \$2,000.

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MODESTY HAS ITS GEOGRAPHY

Women of Different Lands
Very as to What
Is Proper.

Washington, D. C.—A Chinese woman would not think of exposing to the public gaze her bound feet, a lady of Tap would never be seen prancing down the street—but however of her native village without her worn necklace of hideous leaves though her grass skirt was her only garment, and the Mohammedan woman of a few years ago would not be seen without her veil.

"Modesty has a geography all its own," says a bulletin from the Washington (D. C.) headquarters of the National Geographic society, in connection with the winter fashion derrover from Paris.

Keep Finger Tips Hidden.

Alexander von Humboldt, who traveled extensively over the world known in the Eighteenth century, recorded in his travels that some of the central Asian peoples are reluctant to let any one see their finger tips. A traveler who visited the Alaska coast, in the same century, found that native women, after he had persuaded them to remove an ornament which made the lower part of the mouth protrude two or three inches, were greatly embarrassed.

"It seems paradoxical that clothes originated out of the desire for ornamentation rather than for warmth. Arabs of the hot deserts of Arabia and Africa are fully swathed in flowing garments, which only in part serve as protection from the heat, while the Patagonians, from the coldest portion of the South American continent, wear only the skin of one animal as a kind of windshirt. Our word 'modesty' came from the Latin 'modus,' meaning measure or standard, and the clothing which was customarily worn therefore became our first conception of what was the proper or modest thing to wear. Each of the world's peoples consequently has its own standards."

The explorers who first came to American shores found that the Carib Indian women, who simply wore embroidered girdles, often appeared without this single garment, but they were never so rude as to forget to paint their bodies with annatto, a red or yellowish dye. This constituted their idea of womanly modesty. One explorer reported in his journals that a woman of a tribe in Brazil, whose custom it was to go unclothed, had in some mysterious manner acquired a pallion which she put on for special occasions, but it seemed to have the effect of making her thoroughly ill at ease.

The Chinese women are among the most conservative and modest in the world; they wear trousers! And, furthermore, none of them would be horrified at the immediacy of a skirt.

The beaches of American coasts would pale the fine ramifications of the Spanish and Cuban seashores who consider it highly improper to expose the knees.

The Snaggle-Tooth Modo.

In one of the New Hebrides islands in the Pacific, a married woman can be modest only by being snaggle-toothed. Part of the wedding ceremony consists of roiling the body of her two middle fingers by smashing them with a rock.

Some of the Mohammedan women of the Sahara Region will tear off their last garment to cover their faces upon the approach of a stranger. The native Breton maiden wears a cutting little close cap, because it would be dreadfully indecent to uncover her hair. Sturdy German peasant women paddle around their homes and fields in dresses that just escape their knees, but they would be shocked at the idea of wearing a dress which was open at the neck.

In the Tonga Islands a man would consider himself thoroughly unprepared to appear before his fellow "vatais" unless he was tattooed, and the Marquesas follow much the same practice, the amount of the decoration varying with the rank of the individual, but the lugs are always tattooed from ankle to thigh. Warriors have themselves done in geometrical designs with squares and inverted triangles on their faces, and the women are ornamented in patterns which resemble fine lace work. Some of them wear loin cloths and girdles of tapa cloth, a fabric made from the bark of the breadfruit tree.

"An American lady of 1924 is not embarrassed at exposing her arms and shoulders in the evening, but she would be shocked at wearing a decolleté gown to breakfast or lunch. Our grandmothers, who represent to us the personifications of modesty, were their dresses and necklaces all day."

Postmen Fly Airplane Delivery to Their Offices

Postmen fly air in the only traffic now in State that is not fully equipped—airplanes, and their business men of St. Paul, the midwestern industrial center, who live in the midwestern residential section, have organized to make an airplane to make the cross-state trip between their houses and offices. So far by automobile, railway and motor, they say, no they get across Post in less than an hour, while by air it is ten-minute trip.

Big Lightning Loss

Lightning is a formidable enemy of mankind and its destruction is, therefore, one of the present problems of electrical engineers, says Robert Johnson. Some days ago there occurred several severe electric outages in the United States due to the



To the Automobile Owners and the Gasoline and Motor Oil Dealers of ONEONTA and Vicinity:

We wish to express our appreciation of the increased consumption of Texaco Products in this district during the year just past; and we wish to announce that

*On and after January 1,
The Texas Company will
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in this city at Lewis Street, near Hickory Street.

Texaco Service in 1925 will be better than ever

All Texaco dealers in this vicinity will then be supplied with Texaco Products direct from the Oneonta headquarters.

The motorist who looks for the Texaco Red Star will be assured of getting Texaco Gasoline—the volatile gas—and Texaco Motor Oil—the clean, clear, golden-colored oil—just as they left the Texaco refineries.

By this means the Texas Company expects to establish closer personal contact with its dealers in this territory.

We hope that the year 1925 will bring abundant happiness and prosperity to our many friends in Oneonta.

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PROSECUTION ENDS VETERANS BUREAU CONSPIRACY CASE

Another Story of "Social Good Time" in New York Hotel Revealed

TWO ACTRESSES INVOLVED

(By the Associated Press)

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The prosecution closed its case in the Veterans' bureau conspiracy trial today with another story of a general social good time, in a New York hotel, in which Charles R. Forbes, former director of the bureau, J. W. Thompson, contractor Elias H. Mortimer, Thompson's agent, Mrs. Mortimer, and two New York actresses participated.

Refreshments were served and then Mrs. Mortimer proposed a crap game. McGill Connor, a clerk in the bureau and the last government witness, testified.

The two actresses he identified from the witness stand as the "Laramore girls, sisters," Miss Francine Laramore had been mentioned by previous witnesses as having been a member of a party of the same group at Atlantic City, N. J., a few weeks later. Connor testified he recognized in the hotel room, about the middle of May, 1922, both defendants as well as the government's chief witness, the latter's wife, and the women guests. He said he had been summoned to New York from Washington by Forbes, whom he believed wished to consult him concerning Veterans' bureau routine.

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Aunt Ada's Axioms: Like the pies and cakes that mother used to make, there are no bedtime stories in these days of radio like the ones that mother used to tell.

Most house plants thrive in the temperature best for healthy human beings—55 to 65 degrees F. by day, with a drop of only ten to fifteen degrees during the night.

KINGSTON POLICE PROBE ENDS. Kingston, Dec. 17.—The board of police commissioners of this city tonight ordered the 22 members of the police department to appear before the board at headquarters Friday night to hear the reports of special investigators who have been secretly conducting an investigation of the department for more than a month. The civil service board tonight examined 22 applicants for positions on the force. The investigation was ordered by Mayor Morris Block some time ago.

Christmas Gifts And Toys. Swiss hand carved wood novelties, Christmas gifts and toys and Christmas cards at the Little Gray Hat shoppe. advt 3t

Christmas Trees. We are now taking orders for spruce Christmas trees, 75c and \$1.00 each. Todd's Cash market. Phone 12. advt 6t.

What a pleasure it is to have a good appetite when one is certain of a plentiful dinner and a cup or two of steaming hot Ossego coffee. advt 5t

Hunt's Washington Letter

BY HARRY R. HUNT
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON — The New England literary influence of half a century ago is reflected in the White House breakfasts inaugurated by President Coolidge.

In adopting the breakfast table as the testing ground for administrative plans and proposals, Coolidge whether consciously or unconsciously, follows the psychology underlying the "Breakfast Table Series" of Oliver Wendell Holmes, in which that author and philosopher chose breakfast time as the hour when reason reigned most clearly and when the kernels of truth and fact could be sorted from the chaff of confused thought.

At the head of the White House table, alone, over the absent caesars and emperors, President Coolidge expects not only to set his own stamp on breakfast, but to help strengthen the virtue of leaders in House and Senate through whom he will have to work if legislative business is to proceed.

And whether he so intends it or not, becomes, in effect, a re-incarnation of "The Author of the Breakfast Table."

AMONG the views put forward as the "real reason" why the president utters the broad fat虎 for his omlettes with senators and congressmen are:

"He can't be corrected in the early morning."

"Gentlemen are at their brightest and best at the beginning of a day, are more receptive and more responsive." (The receptivity referred to has to do with men, not birds.)

"Gentlemen are more informal and less serious in the forenoon, and more inclined to have a good laugh in the afternoon."

"Washington business men want to start 'Business Personality' with an 'old fashioned breakfast'—meaning by which was high praise."

EMBARGO ON SHELL FISH

New York, Dec. 17.—Dr. Frank J. Monaghan, New York city health commissioner, placed an embargo today on shell fish from lower New York bay, Raritan bay, Sandy Hook bay, Princess bay and the waters which are tributary thereto. This action was taken in connection with the health authorities' study of the large number of typhoid fever cases in New York city. Dr. Monaghan said the embargo would continue pending the outcome of an investigation of the purity of these waters.

According to figures issued by the health commissioner's office, there are 330 cases of typhoid fever under observation in this city, of which number 31 were reported today.

SEEK PLAGUE CONTROL

Washington, Dec. 17.—Request for an immediate appropriation of \$275,000 to be used in controlling a reported outbreak of bubonic plague among rats at New Orleans and vicinity was forwarded to Congress today by the treasury department.

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ELsie SWEETIN LIKE DAUGHTER

Husband's Father Testifies Against Her, But Desires That She Be Not Hanged

BRIDE COMMITS SUICIDE

Gardner, Mass., Dec. 17.—With a bullet wound through her heart, Mabel, four weeks bride of Charles Kleindorff, was found dead in a pew of the Sacred Heart church here late today. Medical Examiner Edward A. Sawyer pronounced it a case of suicide. A new revolver with one empty cartridge lay on the floor close by the body. The woman had gone to the church in the afternoon.

WILL OFFER BELGIAN LOAN

New York, Dec. 17.—Public offering of a \$50,000,000 loan for the Belgian government to provide funds for fiscal stabilization and consolidation of the floating debt, will be made tomorrow through a nationwide syndicate, headed jointly by J. P. Morgan and Company and The Guaranty Trust company.

Basketball and Dance

Armory, Friday, December 19

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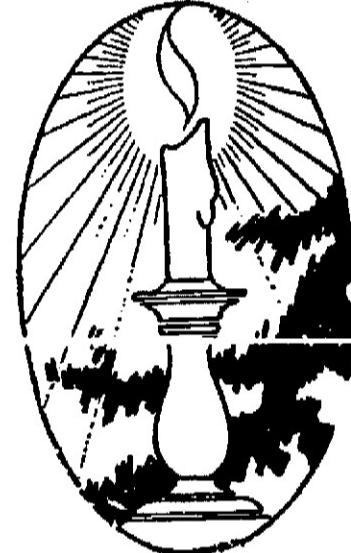
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A City Converted into a Fairyland Oneonta's Community Xmas Festival

All Oneonta wants you to visit its city during the Christmas festival, which is now in progress. The streets have been decorated with green and varicolored lights, which produce an effect unique and most pleasing. More than a mile of hemlock rope has been strung about the main streets. Nearly five hundred varicolored electric lights have been strung across the streets; and a Community Christmas Tree has been placed and decorated in the center of the city. We and our friends who have already visited the city are finding that nothing in many years has so raised our Christmas spirits as has our first Christmas festival.

Remember, the Festival is arranged, not for ourselves alone, but for our many friends as well.

And not only will Oneonta's streets prove a highly enjoyable sight to you when you visit the city, but the prizes which the Chamber of Commerce is offering for the most attractive store windows and fronts have made our business center a real convenience and a treat indeed for the children.

We hope that your previous visits to Oneonta have been pleasurable, but we promise another which will long be remembered if made during the Christmas festival.

Ever hospitable Oneonta feels an overflowing measure of Christmas spirit this holiday time. That is the reason for this special invitation. We are happy and rejoicing, and would like to have all our friends enjoy this very Merry Christmas with us.



AGAIN—ALL ONEONTA INVITES YOU TO ATTEND ITS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

The Christmas Festival Committee

Oneonta Rotary Club
Oneonta Chamber of Commerce

Oneonta Kiwanis Club
Oneonta Woman's Club